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Ministry of Forests and Range

## FFICIALS DELIVER SAFETY MESSAGE AT SPOT-CHECKS

of Forests and Range staff raised awareness about road safety during a series of pections across B.C., Minister Rich Coleman said.

Enforcement officials stopped nearly 950 vehicles during February, giving t the safe use of forest roads and advice about common infractions of forestry e transportation and marking of timber.

an excellent opportunity to educate truckers about safety, particularly given by increased harvesting of pine beetle timber," said Coleman. "Regular importance of following the rules and make forestry roads safer for everyone."

ckdown is part of the government's ongoing effort to improve forest safety. ince has provided funding for a forest safety coroner and additional pectors. The ministry is also conducting a comprehensive review of legislation, with a safety lens and supporting BC Forest Safety Council initiatives such as e TruckSafe Action Plan.

pped trucks at 90 checkpoints on Forest Service roads and highways. Speed t five additional sites. Ministry of Transportation safety officials participated uing seven tickets for overweight vehicles, poor brake performance and use of l Safety Code.

nfractions of forestry regulations involved inadequate transport documentation rnings. About 80 per cent of stopped vehicles passed inspection. Enforcement ng tickets, 14 violation tickets and two compliance notices.

Enforcement staff are responsible for upholding forest management laws and oods such as theft, arson and mischief. More than 16,000 inspections are ere is evidence of a contravention, an investigation follows, which could , penalties or other actions.

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public, "Forest Roads: Guide for Safe Travel," is available online
g/documents/brochures/Guide-for-Safe-Travel.pdf.

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